

Swimming | Boating | Severe Weather | Heat Stress

Outdoor Activities

Extreme Sports

Home Repairs

Summer Grilling | Travel & Traffic | Water Sports



Hurricane Season | Off-Road Driving | Motorcycle Riding



A Message from the Naval Safety Center

The “critical days” pose greater risks for several reasons. It’s when service members go on family vacations and often travel longer periods than they should without rest or a break. It’s when the weather is ideal for outdoor and water activities. And it’s also a time for cookouts and picnics, which often include alcohol consumption.

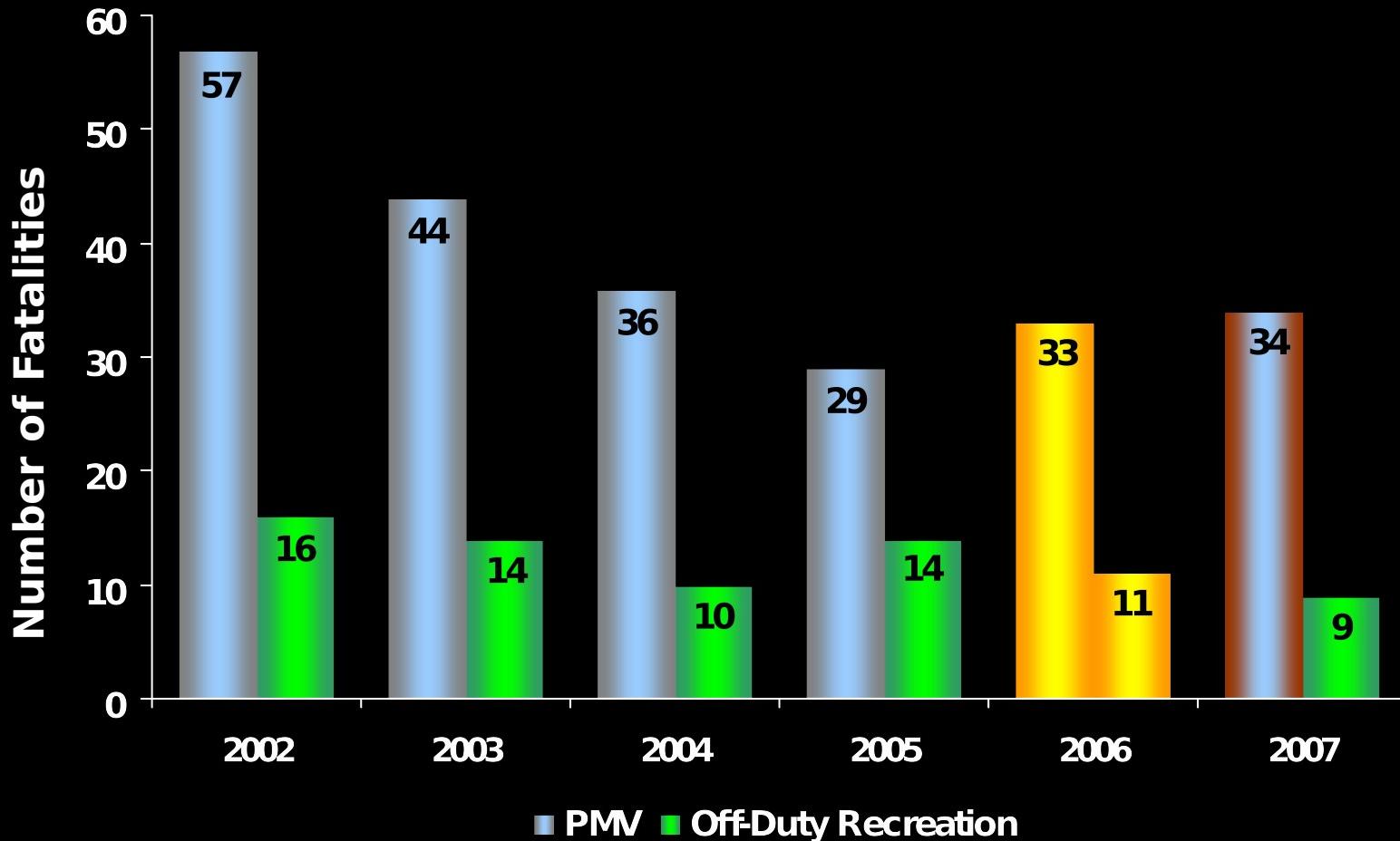
This summer, be there for each other and remind everyone to be alert, aware, and to manage risk all day, every day.

Always remember to work, play, live safely.



Critical Days of Summer Deaths

USN/USMC PMV and Off-Duty Recreation





Common Summertime Activities

Chances are, you'll be doing some of these popular activities with your friends and loved ones:

- Vacationing and traveling
- Off-road driving
- Motorcycle riding
- Enjoying water sports
- Boating
- Swimming
- Going on outdoor adventures
- Playing extreme sports
- Doing home repairs
- Going to picnics and parties**



Traffic Mishaps: The No. 1 Killer

During the summer periods 2002 through 2006, we lost 199 Sailors and Marines to PMV crashes.*

Leading causal factors:

- Drowsy or Night-time Driving
- Not Using Seat Belts
- Speeding
- Drinking and Driving
- Fatigue

Common distractions:

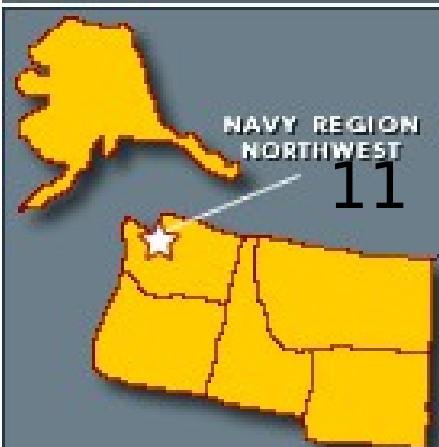
- Road Rage
- Cell phone

**PMV crashes include: 4-wheel vehicle, motorcycle, pedestrians*



Navy PMV Fatalities By Naval Region during Critical Days of Summer 02-06

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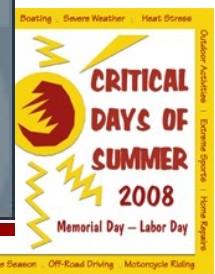


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Some people think that mishaps are unavoidable and simply the cost of doing business. They think that mishaps only happen to other people and that precautions are time-consuming and unnecessary.

They are wrong.

264 Sailors and Marines died in PMV and off-duty recreational mishaps from summer 2002 through 2006.

79% were between 18 and 26 years old.

52% were drivers or passengers in cars or light trucks.

30% of the total fatalities involved alcohol use.

21% died in shore/recreational mishaps.

14% were motorcycle riders.

Who | What | When | Where |

E-3 **24 years old**

*The modal rank of those who died. ** *The average age of the Sailors and Marines who died.*

After dark on Saturday is the greatest risk period,

Home front

These mishaps occurred when Sailors and Marines returned home from deployment.

0.7 Seconds

The time it takes for a 55-mile-per-hour crash to kill a person.

*Although E3 is the most common pay grade in the Navy and Marine team, it is overrepresented in summer fatalities.



Traffic Safety Tips

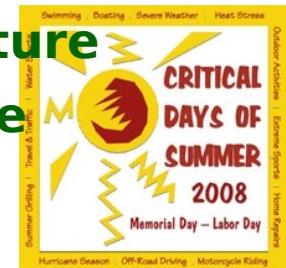


Follow these basic traffic safety tips to avoid mishaps and reduce your chances of missing out on a fun and enjoyable summer.

- **Always maintain a safe speed.**
- **Cool it down on the road.**
- **Don't drink and drive.**
- **Avoid distractions.**
- **Be a responsible driver and use seat protection.**
- **Recognize the danger signs of fatigue.**
- **Don't be a moving target on your motorcycle.**
- **Maintain your vehicle.**
- **Share the road at crosswalks.**

Refer to the Safety Tips Handouts accompanying this presentation.

Respect Mother Nature and survive extreme weather.



Recreation and off-duty mishaps: The Leading cause of injuries

During summer periods 2002 through 2005, we lost 54 Sailors and Marines to off-duty shore/recreational mishaps.

Leading causal factors:

- Inadequate Training
- Failure to Follow Regulations
- Lack of Experience at Activity



Recreation/Off-Duty Safety Tips



Follow these basic recreation/off-duty safety tips to avoid mishaps and improve your chances of having a fun and enjoyable

- **Learn water survival skills.**
- **Fall-proof your home and workspace.**
- **Prevent fall injuries outdoors.**
- **Survive the elements when camping, hiking, or caving.**
- **Exercise caution on the wheels.**

Refer to the Safety Tips Handouts accompanying this presentation.

- **Mind those sparks and embers.**
- **Get the grill primed for tasty barbeque dishes.**
- **Don't let the heat get you.**
- **Say "bug-off" to bugs.**
- **Know what to do during lightning.**
- **Play hard to win, but play it safe.**



Do Your Part to Prevent Mishaps and Deaths



What can YOU
do to make a
difference?



Have you ever driven without a seat belt?

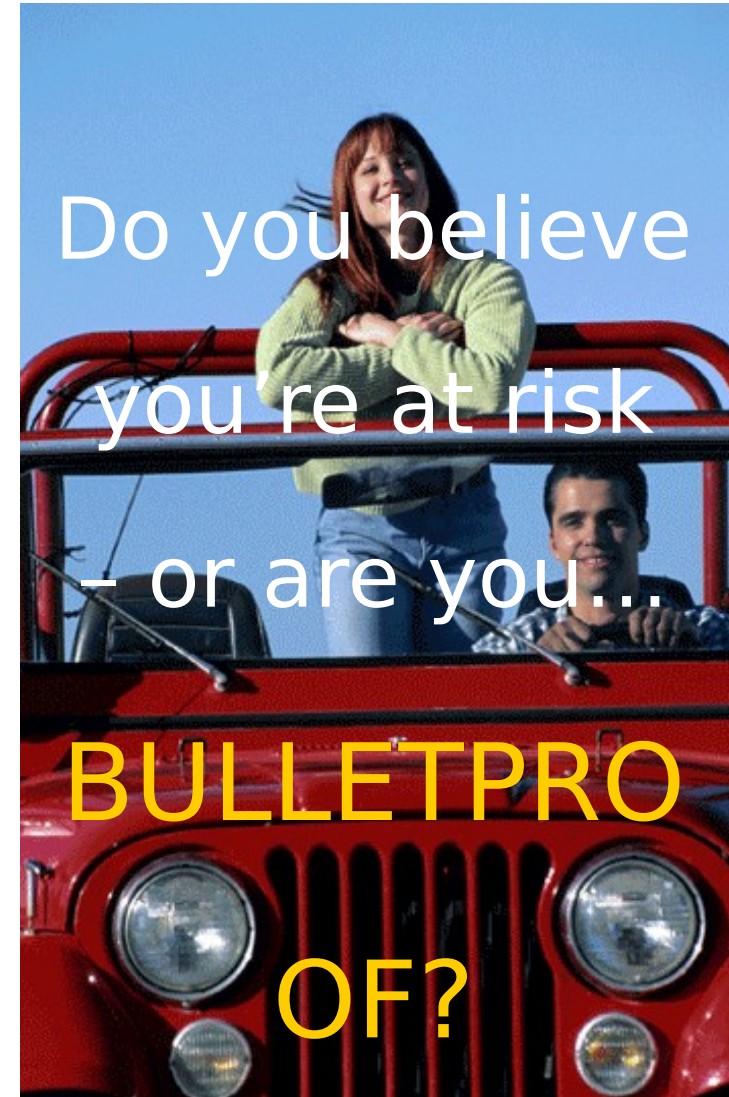
Do you warm up before jogging or running?

Have you ever taken a drunk friend's keys?

Are you trained or experienced for your activities?

Do you take the time to plan your trip?

Do you consider the risk in your activities?



Do you wear proper PPE while riding a motorcycle?

Do you have any speeding tickets?

Have you ever driven when you're fatigued?

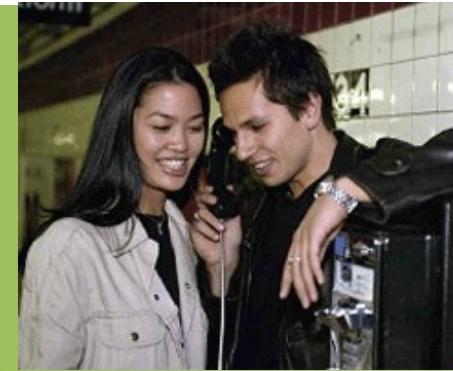
Do you drive the speed limit?

Do you designate a sober driver?



Most Importantly, Be There For Each Other

- **Call someone if you have been drinking and need a ride home.**
- **Decide in advance that no one will drive a car after drinking.**
- **Make sure no one rides with someone who has been drinking.**



- **Always wear the proper PPE to protect yourself and your friends.**
- **Take the time to learn and train.**
- **Know the impact of high-risk behavior on your career and family.**

- **Talk to your friends who might be putting themselves in danger.**
- **Get enough rest before going on a long trip.**
- **Have a good time without putting yourself or your friends at risk.**





NSC Contacts and Internet Resources

Naval Safety Center Website: www.safetycenter.navy.mil

PMV/Recreation Statistics: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/execsummary/

Culture Workshop/Best Fleet Practices/Lessons Learned:
www.safetycenter.navy.mil/bestpractices

Traffic Safety Toolbox: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/ashore/motorvehicle/toolbox/

Presentations: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/presentations/

Posters and Brochures: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/media/posters/

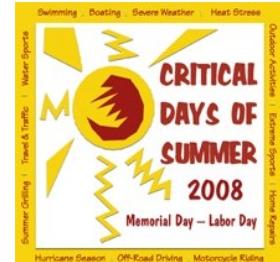
Video and Audio Collection: www.safetycenter.navy.mil/mediagallery/videos

Traffic Safety/Off-Duty Initiatives

Traffic: bonnie.revell@navy.mil or 757-444-3520, Ext. 7134

Strategic Planning/Marketing

safe-pao@navy.mil or 757-444-3520 x 7312





Survive the Critical Days of Summer

***Keep the right
safety attitude,
enjoy, and
see you in
September!***

